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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS**

**FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

AMADO IBARRA VALDOVINO,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 05-50362

D.C. No. CR-04-00942-GHK-2

MEMORANDUM<sup>\*</sup>

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Central District of California  
George H. King, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted January 9, 2006<sup>\*\*</sup>

Before: HUG, O'SCANNLAIN, and SILVERMAN, Circuit Judges.

Amado Ibarra Valdovino appeals from his conviction and 96-month sentence imposed following his guilty plea to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of actual methamphetamine and possession with

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<sup>\*</sup> This disposition is not appropriate for publication and may not be cited to or by the courts of this circuit except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

<sup>\*\*</sup> This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

intent to distribute 87.8 grams of cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C), 846.

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), counsel for Valdovino has filed a brief stating that there are no grounds for relief, and a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Valdovino has not filed a pro se supplemental brief, and the government has not filed an answering brief.

We have conducted an independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 83 (1988), and we dismiss in light of the valid appeal waiver. *See United States v. Nguyen*, 235 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2000) (stating that an appeal waiver is valid when it is entered into knowingly and voluntarily).

Counsel's motion to withdraw is granted.

**DISMISSED.**